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Saturdays 4:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Sundays 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude's 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary

To meet with Fr. Phil, please call the parish office at 386-6178.

We pray for those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, those needing strength, including Bill Connor, Albert McEachern, Barbara Delahunt, Christine Spykerman and Theo Jongma (sister and brother of Siene Bos), Gerald Melanson, Simone Berry, Ernie Peters, Chris Boudreau (grandson of Edith Cormier) Jess and Joan Frontain, Marie Reine Caissie (sister of Carmelle Cochrane), Jacques Cormier and Jeannette Cormier.

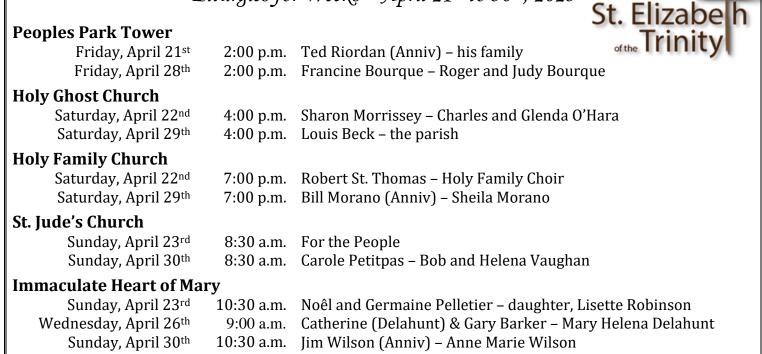
We also remember all those who have gone before us in faith. May they rest in peace.



## Daily Readings for the Week of April $24^{th} - 30^{th}$ , 2023

Monday Tuesday (St. Mark)	Acts 6:8-15 1 Peter 5:5-14		John 6:22-29 Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 8:1-8		John 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40	- Maria	John 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20		John 6:52-59
Saturday (St. Catherine of Siena)	Acts 9:31-42		John 6:53, 60-69
Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Easter)	Acts 2:14, 36-41	1 Peter 2:20-25	John 10:1-10

## Liturgies for Weeks – April 21st to 30th, 2023



	Holy Family Church (House of Nazareth) - They need razors for men and women, toothbrushes, and any food items.
Food Banks	Holy Ghost and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Albert County Food Bank) Items required at this time, toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, cakes of soap, drinking juice boxes, puddings, toilet paper and cleaning supplies.
(Updated)	<b>St. Jude's (Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank)</b> – Right now, they need deodorant, shampoo, Kleenex, toothpaste, mayonnaise, ketchup, jams, mustard, cereal and any school snacks! As always, everything is appreciated.

#### Parish Appreciation Road Show 2023! Coming soon to a parish near you!



As you know, in the past, before COVID, the staff would take the time each year to host a Parish Appreciation for the grouping, giving thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers who offer their gifts to the life and work of our churches. This year, we would like to offer a time of fellowship and refreshments after Mass in each of our churches after the weekend Mass. We are so grateful for all you do in the parish! Watch the bulletin for your parish's date and mark it on your calendar – all are welcome!

With gratitude, from the staff

#### Immediately following Mass!

Peoples Park Tower, Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Family on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Ghost on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, April 30th

## **Exploring Our Faith** With eyes to see

The task of religion is not to turn us into 'proper' believers; it is to deepen the personal within us, to embrace the power of life, to expand our consciousness, in order that we might see things that eyes do not normally see. ~Bishop John Shelby Spong

In my last reflection, I wrote about an angel made from a glittery ribbon that watches protectively from the living room mirror in my mother's home. For years I looked at it and thought it was nothing more than an elaborate, glittery bow, until one day I noticed that it was in fact shaped like an angel. I showed a friend a picture of the angel and her response was, "*How could you possibly not have known that was an angel*? I ask the same question of myself because in hindsight, it seems very obvious to me that I was looking at an angel. The important part here is that the angel had not changed, but something in *me* had changed. What could have transformed me in this way? I do not know the answer, but I can tell you I began to see differently back in 2017 as we cared for my dying father. One palliative care nurse wore a pin of angel wings, another visitor arrived wearing a snow white fluffy jacket that literally made her look like an angel, another nurse whom I had never met brought our family supper one night. At this sacred time leading up to and including the death of my father, I began to see angels *everywhere* I looked...and not the kind of angels we see in movies with white robes, glowing faces and choral music. What I saw made me feel as though the scales had fallen from my eyes and I could see that there has always been angel stuff going on all around me. In a way it reminded me of those Magic Eye pictures from the 1990s that presented an optical illusion. At first the image would appear to be nothing more than a colourful design or pattern but upon closer inspection you noticed it contained a hidden shape(s), which seemed to appear out of the blue right before your eyes.

The Emmaus story we hear today from Luke's Gospel is another reminder to me that just because a thing is invisible to us does not mean it is not there. My most consistent prayer as an adult has been for greater clarity and focus in order that I may see truth more clearly. In my mind at least, if I am able to conquer some of the personal and cultural biases that cloud my vision, I am one step closer to the transformation Jesus wants for each of us. Similar to the disciples walking to Emmaus, I am in my own way one step closer to recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

In his work, *With Burning Heart* (1994), Fr. Henri Nouwen muses about what transformation could have occurred in the disciples to go from not recognizing Jesus to recognizing Jesus:

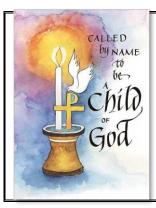


"It is so easy to narrow Jesus down to **our** Jesus, to **our** experience of His love, to **our** way of knowing Him. But Jesus left us so as to send His Spirit, and His Spirit blows where it wants...There are many ways in which Jesus appears and many ways in which He lets us know that He is alive."

From this I have learned a couple of lessons I consider important. First, at all times God is at work both within me and within others whether or not I am able to recognize this. Second, there is evidence of the divine embracing me at all times, if I have the eyes to see.

> *Trevor Droesbeck Office for Evangelization and Catechesis*

Stare at image for 30 seconds and then look over to a light-coloured wall. Wait a few seconds....what do you see?



Sacrament of Baptism Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome, Asa Flora-Joy, beloved daughter of Todd and Sarah Theodore James, beloved son of Tyler and Ashley

May the grace and blessings received at Baptism guide each of you throughout your lives, and may this holy occasion bring your families great joy. God bless you little ones – beautiful children of God!

#### Annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great generosity during last year's collection, which allowed our Archdiocese of Moncton to raise \$34,820. A big thank you to all the faithful who contributed and the people who organized fundraising activities.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have committed to raising \$30 million within five years. Last year, the collection across Canada raised \$9,594,986. The funds are managed by a national board of directors composed of leaders, half of whom are Indigenous. This Board is responsible for implementing measures to ensure the proper functioning and transparency of the administration of the collected funds.



I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected in our

parishes last year will be used for local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation.

Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on May  $6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$ , 2023. I invite you to continue to support this fund. Thank you.

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



## **Did You Know?**

Let us 'walk with' those two disciples on the road to Emmaus and sit with them at table in the company of the 'stranger'. This is what happens to us, and for us, at Eucharist. We are in the presence of the Risen Lord every time we come to the table of the Lord. May our hearts burn within us!

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**Concert - Chœur des Aboiteaux** (under the direction of Paula Hebert) on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church (Victoria St./Alma St., Moncton). Admission \$12 from the choir members, \$15 at the door the day of the concert and free for children 12 years and under.

Elevator available!



#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Time spent with Jesus. Can anything else be so productive? The gift of the Eucharist nourishes us in the most extraordinary of ways. Saint John Paul II beautifully expresses how the Body of Christ has been the foundation of his faith.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him *without tiring;* welcome him *without reserve;* love him *without interruption*: today, tomorrow, forever!" — Address to young people of Bologna, Italy, Sept. 27, 1997

We are looking for people with a genuine commitment to bringing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament back to the community in a more consistent and dedicated manner. We are looking for people who are willing to commit to offering some time to keep the Adoration Chapel at St. Therese in Dieppe. We are also committed at St. Augustine's to offering Adoration on Wednesday evenings beginning in May and continuing our Thursday evening Adoration between 7-8 at St. Lawrence O'Toole. Should you or your parish be willing to join us, please contact us at St. Augustine's at 506-857-4223.

# EARTH DAY 2023

### Earth Day is on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Attention all! Come and join us outside Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to celebrate God's Creation, Mother Earth, on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

We can all have an impact on this special day!

- Drop by and help to clean up around the church grounds.
- We will supply the garbage bags and gloves!
  Come together to make a bird feeder, lerful return of so many feathered friends!

preparing our community for the wonderful return of so many feathered friends!

Join us too, for some community spirit as we honour Mother Earth and share some hotdogs, pop, laughter and friendship. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their kind offer to supply the eats as together, we celebrate Spring!



#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our parish grouping's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on

#### Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.



in the Dan Bohan Centre. Bring your shawls and works-in-progress for a morning of sharing, prayer and fellowship. All are welcome!

## Cathy Kennedy Lending Library

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



The library is continuing to grow thanks to all those who have contributed these past few months. I look forward to reviewing and cataloguing our new additions and offering previews for your consideration. Our library is ddler! *Colleen O'Neill*. Librarian

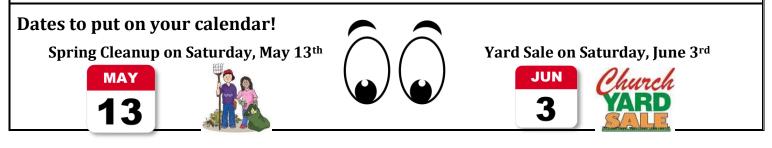
such a vital resource for the serious scholar to the learning toddler!

#### **Holy Family Church**



Parish Council – The next Holy Family Local Parish Council (LPC) meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the double room.

If you have any items that you would like the Council to consider at this meeting, please contact a Council member and ask to have the topic placed on the agenda.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** 

#### The date is getting closer!

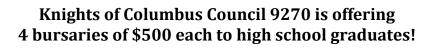
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre!

Many entertainers including Ivan and Vivian Hicks and Maple Sugar!

Advanced tickets \$15.00

Tickets are now on sale and can be found at the parish office or by calling Laura Peters at 506-854-1899 or Helen Vaughan at 506-386-2071.

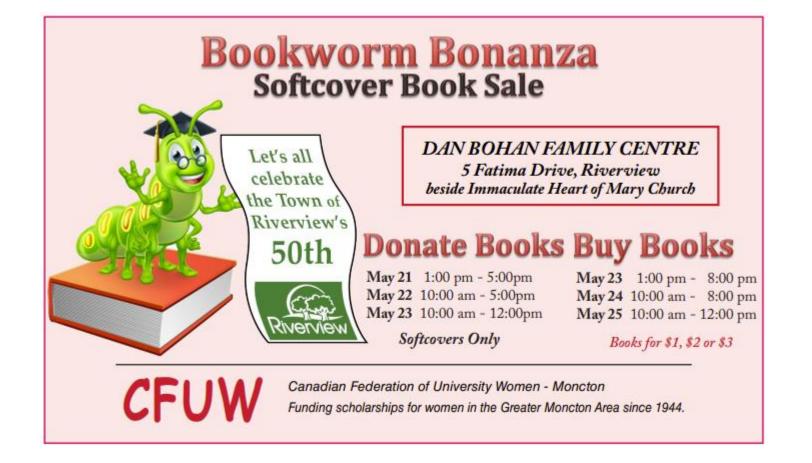
Come on out for some toe-tapping fun!



Priority will be given to children and grandchildren of fellow Knights, then to parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and then to Riverview High School grads. Applications must be received no later than **Monday**, **May 1**<sup>st</sup>.

Come by the office to pick up a copy of the application form or we can email it to you!





#### **Riverview Seniors Club**



Riverview Lions Club (701 Coverdale Rd.)

**Meeting** on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **'Bring and Buy'** from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:



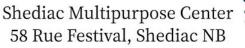
Auctioneer will be Mayor Andrew LeBlanc Light lunch and refreshments served

RSVP Call 506-860-7682 - Need a ride? Call!



G4G Moncton In support of African Grandmohters who are raising grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 9 am - 1 pm





Find Bargains In: Fabric, Yarn, Knitting Needles, Notions & Crafting Supplies

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#### Fabric, Yarn, Craft Donations Welcomed

Drop Off Locations: Kate's Open Quilt Studio, Fabric Cupboard, Covered Bridge Quiltery, Chloe's Quilt Cafe, Hillsborough United Church

> g4gmoncton@gmail.com or Message Us On Facebook



*Vacation Bible School 2023* The theme of this year's inperson Vacation Bible School will be

#### Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light

and will run from June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in the mornings at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Registration is open to anyone aged 3 up to the end of grade 6, and there will be a \$20 deposit required which will be returned at the end of the program. Register online by visiting

www.diomoncton.ca  $\rightarrow$  Pastoral Offices  $\rightarrow$  Youth Faith Development  $\rightarrow$  Vacation Bible School and then click on the poster.

Contact Karen at 387-4918 or karen.diocese@gmail.com for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON** Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** 

JUNE 26TH-29TH - IN PERSON!

FOR AGES 3 UP TO END OF 6TH GRADE

A \$20 DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS, AND

WILL BE REFUNDED AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM.

Trevor 506-857-4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u>

Karen LeBlanc 506-387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

*Mondays @ The Movies* – Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series taking place during Lent. Our remaining discussions will take place on:

#### April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. when we will be discussing the 1992 film, Leap of Faith, starring Steve Martin and Debra Winger

Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that meets regularly via Zoom to talk about faith connections in popular movies. Contact Karen for more information or to register.



#### Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park

*Care for Creation!* On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. families are invited to join us for a Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park. Our guide for the hour will help us to identify plants and ecosystems in the park. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot near the water park at Centennial Park in Moncton. The Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park is an initiative of the diocesan Laudato Si' Committee.



*Faith Experiments Express!* Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use interactive science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place on

#### May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Karen at 506-387-4198 or <u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u>. Register online at <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u>  $\rightarrow$  Pastoral Offices  $\rightarrow$  Youth Faith Development

Earth Day Challenge 2023



All young people are invited (along with literally everyone) to join us in our Earth Day Challenge, which will take place on Saturday, April  $22^{nd}$ . There are many ways you can participate either in a group or by yourself and you can start by contacting your parish catechism coordinator or by visiting the diocesan website www.diomonctonca  $\rightarrow$ Pastoral Offices  $\rightarrow$  Youth Faith Development and then follow the link for Earth Day Challenge 2023. Here you will find helpful ideas and information. We invite you to hashtag us at #youthfaithmoncton on

Instagram showing us your activity and how you have chosen to celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day Challenge 2023 is an initiative of the Diocesan Youth Faith Commission.



#### Being Present: Caregivers and the People They Care For

Save the Dates! The Committee Looking at End of Life Pastoral Care will offer a session designed for those who provide care to the sick / infirmed, facilitated by Louise Ongo of St. Bernard's Parish.

The first session will take place on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church (8 School Street) in Rexton and go from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Louise will offer the same session a second time on May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Church (42 Botsford Street) in Moncton, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Thursday, April 27**<sup>th</sup> – The Sacramental Preparation Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – The English Diocesan Pastoral Council will meet at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne's Church in Elsipogtog.

**Thursday, May 4**<sup>th</sup> – The Parish Catechetical Coordinators will have their final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

## Weekly Offerings for all Churches

#### **Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)**

Church Support \$680.00 (15); Loose \$45.00 Maintenance Fund \$10.00 (2)

#### Holy Family Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$2,007.00 (45); Loose \$159.00 Maintenance Fund \$115.00 (7)

#### St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$686.00 (18); Loose \$69.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$367.00 Food Friday \$85.00; Easter \$20.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs) Church Support \$5,316.00 (165); Loose \$373.00 Property Upkeep \$683.00 (22) Youth \$65.00 (3); Social Action \$290.00 (9)



